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SUBJ: PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS

1. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH JUNE 21 CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF THE PAK-AFGHAN AGREEMENT TO CEASE PERSONAL PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON EACH OTHER'S LEADERS. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT THE AFGHANS ARE NOT WILLING TO CEASE POLITICAL PROPAGANDA UNTIL THE PAKS MAKE A "SUBSTANTIAL" MOVE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS. I TOLD HIM THAT WE ARE PLEASED AT THE CESSATION OF PERSONAL ATTACKS AND ARE GLAD THAT HIS DIALOGUE WITH THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR HERE IS PROVING FRUITFUL. I ALSO TOLD HIM WE HAD INFORMED SENATOR PERCY OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THAT THE SEANTOR WAS LIKEWISE PLEASED. ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE GOA VERY MUCH APPRECIATES SENATOR PERCY'S INTEREST. COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO RELAY ABDULLAH'S COMMENT TO SENATOR PERCY.

2. IN GENERAL, ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE REMAINS PUZZLED AS TO WHY THE GOP CONTINUES TO ATTACK AFGHANISTAN. HE SAID HE HAD REACHED THE TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT THE GOP DOES THIS IN ORDER TO DIVERT THE POPULATION OF PAKISTAN FROM ITS  
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INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES. HE SAID THAT HE CONTINUES TO TELL

THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR THAT ALL AFGHANISTAN SEEKS IS AN "HONORABLE" SOLUTION BUT THAT THE AMBASSADOR DOES NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MEANS A SOLUTION IN WHICH BOTH SIDES COULD SAVE FACE. HE HAS ALSO TOLD THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR THAT THE GOA AWAITS WITH INTEREST THE PAKISTANI SUPREME COURT DECISION ON THE NAP CASE. HE WAS AWARE THAT WALI KHAN HAD REFUSED TO DEFEND HIMSELF AND COMMENT THAT THIS IS UNDERSTANDABLE BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN WHAT HE NEEDED TO CARRY OUT AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSE. ABDULLAH ALSO NOTED THAT THE GOP PROSECUTOR IS TRYING TO LINK THE GOA WITH ALLEGED TREASONABLE NAP ACTIVITIES.

3. SOME TWENTY MINUTES LATER IN AN HOUR-LONG CONVERSATION ON A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, I GAVE ABDULLAH A COPY OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT TO THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE CONCERNING DIEGO GARCIA AND THE SOVIET FACILITIES IN SOMALIA. THIS CAUSED SOMETHING TO CLICK INSIDE ABDULLAH'S HEAD FOR HE THEN PROCEEDED TO VOLUNTEER SOME INFORMATION TO ME CONCERNING RECENT AFGHAN TROOP DEPLOYMENTS. I HAD EARLIER DECIDED MYSELF NOT TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT SO AS NOT TO GET INTO THE MIDDLE.

4. ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY MENTIONED TO HIM THAT THERE WERE RUMORS IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS THAT AFGHAN FORCES HAD BEEN MOVED TO THE BORDER AREAS. ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THIS IS INDEED THE CASE AND THAT THE REASON FOR THESE MOVEMENTS IS THAT THE PAKISTANIS HAVE BEEN BUILDING UP THEIR FORCES NOT ONLY IN BALUCHISTAN BUT ALSO IN THE TRIBAL AREAS. IN PARTICULAR, THE PAKISTANIS HAD OCCUPIED FORMER BRITISH FORTS AND INSTALLATIONS CLOSER TO THE BORDER. (COMMENT: THIS APPARENTLY REFERS TO WHAT THE PAKISTANI DCM TOLD ME ON JUNE 11 PER PARA 2 KABUL 3750. END COMMENT). ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR MADE A POINT OF SAYING THAT THE GOP DOES NOT WANT A CONFRONTATION WITH AFGHANISTAN. ABDULLAH COMMENTED TO ME THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED TO HEAR THIS. HE SAID THAT HE OFFERED THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR A LISTING OF THE PAK DEPLOYMENTS WHICH HAD CAUSED THE AFGHANS TO REACT. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE SUCH A LIST WHICH IS NOW BEING PREPARED.

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5. COMMENT: THIS IS THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE ACCOUNT OF THE REASON FOR THE AFGHAN DEPLOYMENTS THAT WE HAVE SO FAR RECEIVED.

6. WE ARE DOWNGRADING THIS SERIES OF MESSAGES FROM EXDIS TO LIMDIS.

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